

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 23-20022

v.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
GERSHWIN A. DRAIN

MOHAMED KAZKAZ, ET AL.

Defendants.

**ORDER STRIKING NON-RESTAURANT GROUP PETITIONERS' EX  
PARTE MOTION TO SEAL BANK STATEMENTS ATTACHED IN  
SUPPORT OF PETITIONERS' MOTION FOR RETURN OF ILLEGALLY  
SEIZED [ECF No. 82]**

On May 15, 2023, third-party National Restaurant Chain No. 1 filed a Motion to Seal Bank Statements Attached in Support of Petitioners' Motion for Return of Illegally Seized Assets ("ex parte motion") [ECF No. 82].

Petitioner's motion states that it relies on L.R. 7.1 in support of its motion. But the motion does not contain a statement of concurrence. see L.R. 7.1 (a)(1)-(2). The Court is not satisfied that the petitioner was unable to seek concurrence or that it sought concurrence from the Government, who could potentially agree to the motion. Courts in this district are permitted to strike a motion where it does not comply with the local rules and does not contain a statement that satisfies L.R. 7.1 (a). *All About Chores LLC v. Lyon*, 2019 WL 2590750, at \*1 (E.D. Mich. June 25,

2019) (citing *Tubbs Bros., Inc. v. Prime Eagle, LLC*, 2012 WL 3065451 (E.D. Mich. Jul. 27, 2012); see also *Cristini v. City of Warren*, 2014 WL 12657024, at \*2 (E.D. Mich. Feb. 6, 2014). Finally, the motion does not provide any legal authority in support of the ex parte motion.

For these reasons, the ex parte motion is **STRICKEN**.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: May 17, 2023

/s/Gershwin A. Drain  
GERSHWIN A. DRAIN  
United States District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon attorneys of record on  
May 17, 2023, by electronic and/or ordinary mail.

/s/ Teresa McGovern  
Deputy Clerk